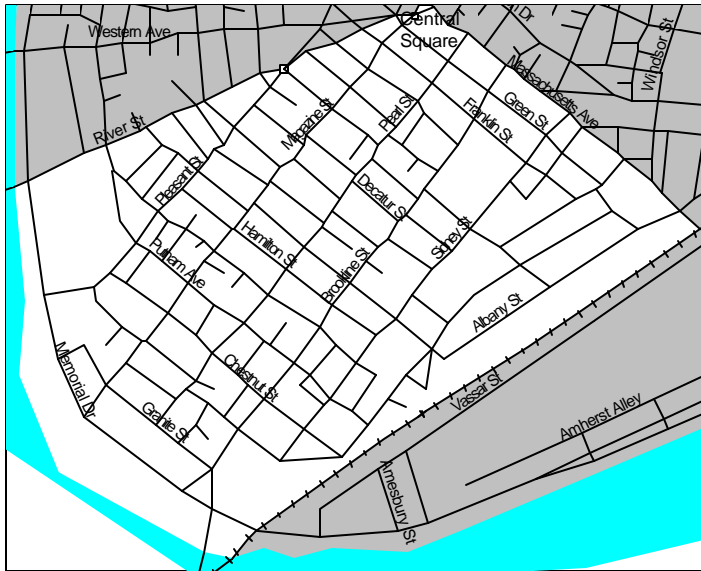
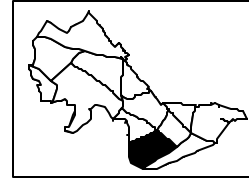


NEIGHBORHOOD 5

CAMBRIDGEPORT



BOUNDARIES: bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

POPULATION: 10,052 residents
4,203 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 5R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A, 5B, and Central 12.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	7	9	6	26	8
Street Robbery	4	4	5	1	10
Auto Theft	12	21	14	16	10
Larceny from MVs	14	28	25	16	9
Malicious Destruction	19	28	26	36	38
Drug Arrests	10	6	2	2	2

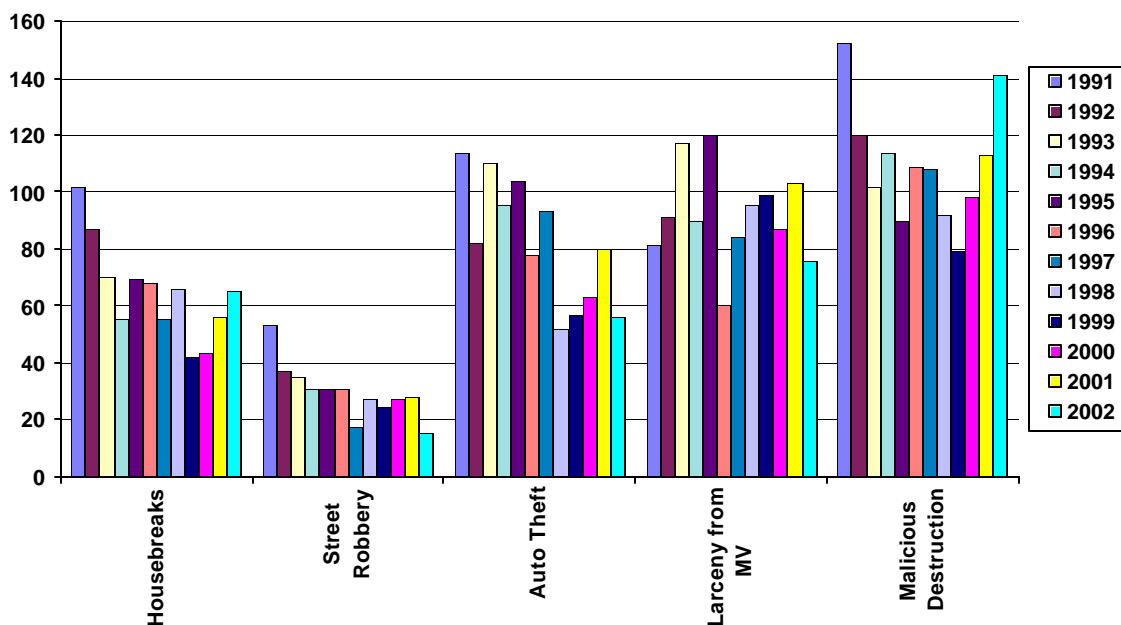
Street robberies increased city-wide, and Cambridgeport experienced the brunt of it, rising from one incident in 2002 to ten in 2003. The majority of this year's activity occurred in March when seven robberies took place. All but one in March occurred on the weekend, three of which transpired on Mass Ave. in Central Square. Three arrests were also executed in March, including an incident that transpired in Central Square, and ended in Dana Park. This incident started on Pearl St. when words were exchanged and the victim was knocked to the ground and robbed. The suspect, accompanied by approximately twenty other youths, knocked the victim down and robbed him of his walkman and backpack. The group fled and were located in Dana Park where a machete was recovered, which had been used during the robbery as a threatening measure. No one was hurt in the incident. Another target crime that experienced a significant change were the number of *larceny from motor vehicles*. This crime decreased by over 70%, dropping from sixteen incidents in 2002 to nine in 2003. Of the nine incidents, no real pattern emerged – the only related incidents were the two breaks reported in late March on Memorial Dr. and Sidney St. The number of *housebreaks* also plummeted this year, dropping from an alarming twenty-six breaks in 2002 to eight in 2003. Last year's housebreak epidemic was not an ordinary one, and quickly ceased with the arrest of a few professional 'housebreakers' from Somerville. Three breaks were reported on the same night in late-January, two

of which occurred in the same multi-unit apartment building. Other than these breaks, no pattern emerged, specifically when compared to this time in 2002.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. And they have declined another 30 percent since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s. The 1999 Camry Auto Theft pattern helped to displace Cambridgeport's number one ranking by setting East Cambridge and Area 4 as the top two.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its patrons.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	156	2	67	2	2
Street Robbery	57	2	33	2	5
Auto Theft	165	1	85	1	2
Larceny from MVs	126	4	94	3	4
Malicious Destruction	106	6	110	3	1

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest